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TAGS: INT, NU, ES

SUBJECT: NICARAGUAN RESISTANCE:

SOUTHERN FRONT PROBLEMS WITH PASTORA

Dept. of State, RPS/IPS, Margaret P. Grafeld, Dir. () Release XI Excise () Deny () Declassify
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2. SUMMARY.

Dept. of State, RPS/IPS, Margaret P. Grafeld, Dir.
( ) Classify as ( ) Extend as ( ) Downgrade to Ch. |
Date2/27/U2-Declassify on 4/8/1/2. Reason \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

EXPLAINED THE DIFFICULT SITUATION OF ARDE TROOPS IN SOUTHERN NICARAGUA AND SUGGESTED A BALANCED DISBURSEMENT OF ANY FUTURE AID. THEY SUGGESTED RENEGOTIATING A POLITICAL PROGRAM SIGNED BY PASTORA. THIS WOULD BE DONE IN ORDER TO HAVE THE POLITICAL LEADERSHIP EXCLUSIVELY OF BOS AND UNO SIGN AND OBVIATE THE NEED FOR ENRIQUE BERMUNDEZ TO SIGN. PASTORA'S VOLATILE PERSONALITY IS CAUSING DIVISIONS IN THE MILITARY AND POLITICAL FORCES OF ARDE. FINALLY, THE ARDE REPS ASKED FOR USG SUPPORT IN OPENING AN INFORMATION OFFICE IN SAN SALVADOR. END SUMMARY.

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EXPLAINED THAT THE MILITARY ARM OF ARDE HAS NOT RECEIVED HELP IN TWO YEARS AND CLAIMED TO HAVE 2,000 GUNS AND MEN NOW INACTIVE BECAUSE OF LACK OF MUNITIONS AND OTHER LOGISTICS. THEY EXPECTED CONGRESS TO APPROVE ASSISTANCE TO THE NICARAGUAN FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND MADE A PLEA FOR MORE EQUILIBRIUM IN THE DISBURSEMENT OF THE AID BETWEEN UNO AND BOS. THEY FAVOR COORDINATED POLITICAL AND MILITARY ACTION BETWEEN THE ARDE AFFILIATED BLOQUE OPOSITOR DEL SUR (BOS) AND UNO.

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4. AGREEMENT ON COMMON POLITICAL PROGRAM.

EDEN PASTORA RECENTLY SIGNED A POLITICAL PROGRAM ON BEHALF OF ARDE THAT WOULD SERVE AS THE BASIS FOR COOPERATION OF THE UNIFIED OPPOSITION, BUT UNO HAS NOT SIGNED APPARENTLY BECAUSE ENRIQUE BERMUNDEZ (FDN MILITARY\_CHIEF OF STAFF) IS PRESSURING TO SIGN FOR UNO.

BELIEVES A SOLUTION WOULD BE TO RENEGOTIATE THE DOCUMENT BRIEFLY AND HAVE ONLY THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS OF UNO AND BOS SIGN THE DOCUMENT.

5. PASTORA CAUSES INTERNAL DISPUTES IN ARDE.

\_\_EXPLAINED THAT SERIOUS INTERNAL PROBLEMS
HAVE DEVELOPED WITHIN ARDE DUE TO THE STUBBORNNESS
OF EDEN PASTORA. ON ONE SIDE BACKING PASTORA ARE:
DONALD CASTILLO, MARCOS AGUADO, CARLOS PRADO, SERGIO
ARGUELLO, AND COMMANDANTE EMILIANO (MILITARY CHIEF
ALONG THE SAN JUAN RIVER). ON THE OTHER SIDE FAVORING
A COLLEGIAL MILITARY LEADERSHIP AND STRICTLY POLITICAL
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ROLE FOR PASTORA WITHIN ARDE ARE: FSDC -- JOSE DAVILA, RESCATE -- ALFREDO CESAR, MDN -- ALVARO JEREZ, CESOCANE BAYARDO LOPEZ, AND ARDE-ADOLFO CHAMORRO, PLUS THE ARDE FIELD COMMANDERS NOW INSIDE SOUTHEAST NICARAGUA -- GANZO, LEONEL, FRANKLIN, AND NAVEGANTE. THE POLITICAL LEADERSHIP OF ARDE AND BOS IS UNHAPPY WITH THE UNCOORDINATED AND OFTEN UNHELPFUL WAY IN WHICH PASTORA SPEAKS OUT. THE MILITARY FIELD COMMANDERS DISLIKE THIS PLUS PASTORA'S ADMINISTRATION OF WHAT LITTLE FUNDS THEY RECEIVE FROM FOREIGN PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS AND PASTORA'S AUTOCRATIC STYLE IN RUNNING THE MILITARY OPERATIONS. THE MILITARY COMMANDERS, ACCORDING FAVOR A COLLEGIAL COORDINATING MECHANISM FOR MILITARY OPERATIONS AND HAVE STRONG SYMPATHY FOR THE POLITICAL POSITION OF THE FSDC.

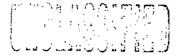
6. BOS RUN INFORMATION OFFICE IN SAN SALVADOR.

SAID BOS WANTS TO OPEN AN INFORMATION OFFICE IN SAN SALVADOR AND SEEKS USG SUPPORT FOR THE EFFORT. THEY WANT TO EDUCATE SALVADORANS TO RESIST THE MARXIST ADVANCE IN EL SALVADOR AS WELL AS TO THE REALITY OF WHAT IS HAPPENING IN NICARAGUA. THE OFFICE WOULD BE A SOURCE OF INFORMATION TO THE DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL PRESS. IT WOULD PROVIDE NAMES OF PRISONERS, DESCRIPTIONS OF ATROCITIES, AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AND DISSEMINATE POLITICAL INFORMATION.

CLAIM THAT COSTA RICA IS SATURATED AND AN OFFICE NEEDS TO BE OPENED IN SAN SALVADOR.

7. COMMENT.

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WE PRESUME ALL OR MOST OF THIS INFORMATION HAS ALREADY BEEN REPORTED THROUGH COSTA RICAN SOURCES BUT REPEAT IT FOR THOSE READERS WHO MAY BE UNINFORMED. COPIES OF COMMUNIQUES AND LETTERS THAT DOCUMENT THE ABOVE INTERNAL DISPUTE IN ARDE ARE BEING POUCHED TO ARA/CEN DAVE DLOUHY. APPARENTLY, THE FSDC AND OTHER POLITICAL LEADERS IN ARDE AND BOS AND THE FIELD COMMANDERS THEMSELVES ARE FINDING PASTORA NO EASIER TO DEAL WITH THAN DID ALFONSO ROBELO. HOWEVER, AT LEAST UNTIL CONGRESS DECIDES ON AID TO THE DEMOCRATIC FORCES FIGHTING THE SANDINISTAS, THERE WILL BE NO OPEN SPLIT WITHIN ARDE-BOS, ACCORDING TO A RESTRUCTURING OF THE POLITICAL AND

MILITARY ORGANIZATION OF ARDE MAY WELL SERVE U.S. INTERESTS BY MAKING IT A MORE EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATION MILITARILY AND POLITICALLY AND BY REIGNING IN PASTORA FOR TIGHTER POLITICAL COORDINATION OF HIS ACTIVITIES AND COMMENTS.

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